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*Report from Panama—Inspection of vessels.*

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, March 21, as follows:

During the week ended March 20, 1904, one vessel, the steamship *City of Para*, cleared for San Francisco, March 15, having on board 71 officers and crew and 67 passengers, 23 cabin and 44 steerage, all well.

There have been no deaths from quarantinable diseases reported during the week. Tuberculosis and malaria are very prevalent. Many diseases caused by filaria are also scattered all over the town.

The deaths during the week were from the following causes: Malaria, 1; beriberi, 1; pneumonia, 4; phthisis, 1; pain in the side, 1; fevers, 1; stillborn, 1; unknown, 1; strangulated hernia, 1; colic, 1.

*Mortality in city of Panama, 1901-1903, inclusive.*

Assistant Surgeon Pierce reports, through Surgeon Perry, at Colon, March 11, as follows:

*Synopsis of the deaths that occurred in Panama, Republic of Panama, during the years 1901, 1902, and 1903.*

[From official records.]

Observations.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Deaths during the year 1901....	82	48	64	72	70	95	108	119	125	115	150	153	1,201
Yellow fever .....	4	1	2	2	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	11
Smallpox .....	9	7	2	4	4	13	13	15	19	17	25	20	121
Enteric fever .....	13	3	3	6	6	9	12	12	18	15	12	14	121
Tuberculosis .....	10	3	6	2	2	.....	1	9	11	14	17	14	120
Beriberi .....	10	3	2	2	2	.....	7	4	6	5	10	7	36
Dysentery .....	10	3	2	5	5	4	13	8	2	7	10	7	75
Deaths during the year 1902....	138	127	136	126	133	232	281	202	215	302	240	247	2,379
Yellow fever .....	4	2	4	2	2	14	33	28	14	38	30	19	182
Smallpox .....	40	48	46	20	17	3	4	2	.....	20	12	4	176
Enteric fever .....	7	8	9	5	6	10	15	10	12	14	18	8	118
Tuberculosis .....	5	18	10	12	12	14	12	16	15	15	15	10	154
Beriberi .....	2	2	1	5	1	3	1	2	2	14	18	8	52
Dysentery .....	9	3	9	15	29	47	49	31	37	26	13	22	290
Deaths during the year 1903....	201	123	118	62	94	98	107	117	99	125	115	60	1,319
Yellow fever .....	10	7	5	1	3	3	4	11	3	1	.....	.....	48
Smallpox .....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	5	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	8
Enteric fever .....	4	4	3	2	.....	5	.....	4	3	3	.....	.....	31
Tuberculosis .....	20	16	8	4	11	8	10	11	12	10	21	7	138
Beriberi .....	3	1	5	1	2	.....	4	4	6	19	15	1	61
Dysentery .....	12	13	11	3	11	8	7	6	2	3	2	2	80

The annual rates per thousand are as follows: 1901, 66.72; 1902, 113.03; 1903, 73.27. The rates were obtained by estimating the population as 18,000 for 1901 and 1903, and at 20,000 for 1902.

There were 3,000 soldiers in the city during the year 1902, and as they were not properly fed or taken care of, and as most of them were from the interior and not accustomed to the depressing climate of the coast, and nonimmune to yellow fever, the death rate was unusually high that year.

The data contained in the report was sent to the Surgeon-General last October by Consul-General Gudger, or as much of it as was obtainable at that time. See Public Health Reports, December 11, 1903, page 2215.